| **Results** | |
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| **Number of records in this query:** | 176 |
| **Total records in survey:** | 176 |
| **Percentage of total:** | 100.00% |

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| **Field summary for 1** | | | |
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| **Which of the following terms best describes your use of WHOIS?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Commercial business user (1) | 9 | 5.11% |  |
| Non-commercial organization user (2) | 10 | 5.68% |  |
| Governmental organization user (3) | 2 | 1.14% |  |
| Individual or end user (4) | 20 | 11.36% |  |
| Domain name Registrar and/or Registry (5) | 18 | 10.23% |  |
| Internet access provider or network operator (6) | 9 | 5.11% |  |
| Other | 3 | 1.70% |  |
| **'Other' Responses** Attorney/Law Firm Trade Association Protecting Copyright security practitioner Naralo Private IT/Internet Ecosystem Consultant RIR Domain name Registrant | | |  |
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| **Field summary for 12** | | | |
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| **What is the size of your organization?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Not Applicable (1) | 13 | 15.12% |  |
| 1-9 (2) | 11 | 12.79% |  |
| 10-49 (3) | 11 | 12.79% |  |
| 50-99 (4) | 6 | 6.98% |  |
| 100-499 (5) | 5 | 5.81% |  |
| 500-999 (6) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| 1,000-4,999 (7) | 6 | 6.98% |  |
| 5,000+ (8) | 4 | 4.65% |  |
| Do not know (9) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| No answer | 30 | 34.88% |  |
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| **Field summary for 13** | | | |
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| **Where do you reside?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Afghanistan (1) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Albania (2) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Algeria (3) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Andorra (4) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Angola (5) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Antigua & Deps (6) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Argentina (7) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Armenia (8) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Australia (9) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Austria (10) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Azerbaijan (11) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bahamas (12) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bahrain (13) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bangladesh (14) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Barbados (15) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Belarus (16) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Belgium (17) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Belize (18) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Benin (19) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bhutan (20) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bolivia (21) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bosnia Herzegovina (22) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Botswana (23) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Brazil (24) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Brunei (25) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Bulgaria (26) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Burkina (27) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Burundi (28) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Cambodia (29) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Cameroon (30) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Canada (31) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Cape Verde (32) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Central African Rep (33) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Chad (34) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Chile (35) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| China (36) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Colombia (37) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Comoros (38) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Congo (39) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Congo Democratic Rep (40) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Costa Rica (41) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Croatia (42) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Cuba (43) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Cyprus (44) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Czech Republic (45) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Denmark (46) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Djibouti (47) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Dominica (48) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Dominican Republic (49) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| East Timor (50) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Ecuador (51) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Egypt (52) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| El Salvador (53) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Equatorial Guinea (54) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Eritrea (55) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Estonia (56) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Ethiopia (57) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Fiji (58) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Finland (59) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| France (60) | 4 | 4.65% |  |
| Gabon (61) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Gambia (62) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Georgia (63) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Germany (64) | 8 | 9.30% |  |
| Ghana (65) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Greece (66) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Grenada (67) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Guatemala (68) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Guinea (69) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Guinea-Bissau (70) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Guyana (71) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Haiti (72) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Honduras (73) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Hungary (74) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Iceland (75) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| India (76) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Indonesia (77) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Iran (78) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Iraq (79) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Ireland Republic (80) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Israel (81) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Italy (82) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Ivory Coast (83) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Jamaica (84) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Japan (85) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Jordan (86) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Kazakhstan (87) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Kenya (88) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Kiribati (89) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Korea North (90) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Korea South (91) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Kosovo (92) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Kuwait (93) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Kyrgyzstan (94) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Laos (95) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Latvia (96) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Lebanon (97) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Lesotho (98) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Liberia (99) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Libya (100) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Liechtenstein (101) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Lithuania (102) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Luxembourg (103) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Macedonia (104) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Madagascar (105) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Malawi (106) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Malaysia (107) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Maldives (108) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Mali (109) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Malta (110) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Marshall Islands (111) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Mauritania (112) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Mauritius (113) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Mexico (114) | 2 | 2.33% |  |
| Micronesia (115) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Moldova (116) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Monaco (117) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Mongolia (118) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Montenegro (119) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Morocco (120) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Mozambique (121) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Myanmar, Burma (122) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Namibia (123) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Nauru (124) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Nepal (125) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Netherlands (126) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| New Zealand (127) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Nicaragua (128) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Niger (129) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Nigeria (130) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Norway (131) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Oman (132) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Pakistan (133) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Palau (134) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Panama (135) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Papua New Guinea (136) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Paraguay (137) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Peru (138) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Philippines (139) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Poland (140) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Portugal (141) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Qatar (142) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Romania (143) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Russian Federation (144) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Rwanda (145) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| St Kitts & Nevis (146) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| St Lucia (147) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines (148) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Samoa (149) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| San Marino (150) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Sao Tome & Principe (151) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Saudi Arabia (152) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Senegal (153) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Serbia (154) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Seychelles (155) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Sierra Leone (156) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Singapore (157) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Slovakia (158) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Slovenia (159) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Solomon Islands (160) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Somalia (161) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| South Africa (162) | 3 | 3.49% |  |
| South Sudan (163) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Spain (164) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Sri Lanka (165) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Sudan (166) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Suriname (167) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Swaziland (168) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Sweden (169) | 4 | 4.65% |  |
| Switzerland (170) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Syria (171) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Taiwan (172) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Tajikistan (173) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Tanzania (174) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Thailand (175) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Togo (176) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Tonga (177) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Trinidad & Tobago (178) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Tunisia (179) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Turkey (180) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Turkmenistan (181) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Tuvalu (182) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Uganda (183) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Ukraine (184) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| United Arab Emirates (185) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| United Kingdom (186) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| United States (187) | 15 | 17.44% |  |
| Uruguay (188) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Uzbekistan (189) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Vanuatu (190) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Vatican City (191) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Venezuela (192) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Vietnam (193) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Yemen (194) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Zambia (195) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Zimbabwe (196) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| No answer | 30 | 34.88% |  |
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| **Field summary for 14** | | | |
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| **Have you registered any domain names?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Yes (Y) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| No (N) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| No answer | 86 | 100.00% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/19811f4df225a510474149c57c2f9e30.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 16** | | | |
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| **How many ccTLD (country-code Top Level Domains, i.e.: .de, .au, .co.uk) domain names have you registered?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| 1-9 (1) | 22 | 25.58% |  |
| 10-49 (2) | 7 | 8.14% |  |
| 50-99 (3) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| 100-499 (4) | 2 | 2.33% |  |
| 500-999 (5) | 2 | 2.33% |  |
| 1,000-4,999 (6) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| 5,000+ (7) | 8 | 9.30% |  |
| Do not know (8) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Not Applicable (9) | 8 | 9.30% |  |
| No answer | 35 | 40.70% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/6450329ff0b082a9c39c89e5f69369c6.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 15** | | | |
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| **How many gTLD (generic Top Level Domains, ie: .com, .info .biz) domain names have you registered?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| 1-9 (1) | 14 | 16.28% |  |
| 10-49 (2) | 8 | 9.30% |  |
| 50-99 (3) | 4 | 4.65% |  |
| 100-499 (4) | 3 | 3.49% |  |
| 500-999 (5) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| 1,000-4,999 (6) | 2 | 2.33% |  |
| 5,000+ (7) | 9 | 10.47% |  |
| Do not know (8) | 1 | 1.16% |  |
| Not Applicable (9) | 7 | 8.14% |  |
| No answer | 37 | 43.02% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/83d32d162a2d6d45f914550a8af1c176.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 17** | | | |
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| **What was the general purpose of your registration?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Commercial (1) | 29 | 16.48% |  |
| Governmental (2) | 2 | 1.14% |  |
| Personal (3) | 21 | 11.93% |  |
| Noncommercial organization (4) | 17 | 9.66% |  |
| Not Applicable (5) | 7 | 3.98% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/a6b28b94c48711b6807bbf08b1feac69.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 18** | | | |
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| **How often do you use the WHOIS service on average?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Never (1) | 0 | 0.00% |  |
| Occasionally (2) | 16 | 18.60% |  |
| Weekly (3) | 13 | 15.12% |  |
| Once or twice a day (4) | 7 | 8.14% |  |
| Many times a day (5) | 14 | 16.28% |  |
| No answer | 36 | 41.86% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/f2145fa46724239443297cd1f33f3ff1.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 19** | | | |
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| **How do you access the WHOIS information?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Website interfaces (1) | 16 | 18.60% |  |
| Direct server query access (2) | 8 | 9.30% |  |
| Both (3) | 28 | 32.56% |  |
| No answer | 34 | 39.53% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/f615929c84938e5eb045d1b153e1f4ff.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 20** | | | |
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| **Which of these best describes the most beneficial use of WHOIS to you or your organization?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| To determine if a specific domain name is unregistered or available (1) | 33 | 18.75% |  |
| To find out the identity of a person or organization responsible for a domain name or web site (2) | 41 | 23.30% |  |
| To support technical operations of ISPs or network administrators, including tracing sources of spam or denial of service attacks (3) | 23 | 13.07% |  |
| To identify the owner of a domain name for consumer protection or intellectual property protection purposes (4) | 21 | 11.93% |  |
| To gather names and contact information for marketing purposes (5) | 2 | 1.14% |  |
| To support government law enforcement activities (other than intellectual property) (6) | 8 | 4.55% |  |
| To monitor and manage groups of domains for self or on behalf of others (7) | 19 | 10.80% |  |
| Other | 1 | 0.57% |  |
| **'Other' Responses** TO identify a contact address (preferably email) for the domain holder (I don't care about their "identity" merely their contact details. Investigation  transfers check our WHOIS-service scientific research about the Internet For Verification purposes To faciliate inter-registrar transfers. To find IP address of name server | | |  |
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| **Field summary for 21** | | | |
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| **Do you maintain a WHOIS service for a Registrar, Registry Operator or Regional Internet Registry?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Yes (Y) | 18 | 20.93% |  |
| No (N) | 36 | 41.86% |  |
| No answer | 32 | 37.21% |  |
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| **Field summary for 22** | | | |
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| **If Yes, do you use WHOIS servers that are** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Closed source written in-house (1) | 11 | 6.25% |  |
| Open-source, with customizations (2) | 5 | 2.84% |  |
| Open source without customizations (3) | 2 | 1.14% |  |
| Closed source, third party (4) | 2 | 1.14% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/4aef2e80d10d70d1acb5bbe9c1b5d5a1.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 23** | | | |
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| **Please name the open or closed-source server you use, if applicable** | | | |
|  | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Answer | 5 | 29.41% |  |
| No answer | 12 | 70.59% |  |
| **Responses** mod\_whois anadol Our own development internic.net Windows RIPE WHOIS Not Applicable net4 Whois server no comment pwhois ATLAS whois.denic-de whois.denic.de | | |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/97abd5babf0711d2089443e81d200eef.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 24** | | | |
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| **How did you become aware of the availability for this WHOIS Survey?** | | | |
| **Answer** | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| WHOIS Survey Working Group Communications (1) | 13 | 7.39% |  |
| Webinar (2) | 3 | 1.70% |  |
| icann.org (3) | 18 | 10.23% |  |
| gnso.icann.org (4) | 5 | 2.84% |  |
| Email (5) | 20 | 11.36% |  |
| Stakeholder or Constituency meeting (6) | 6 | 3.41% |  |
| Word of Mouth at ICANN Community meeting (7) | 3 | 1.70% |  |
| Social Media – (Facebook, Twitter, etc) (8) | 12 | 6.82% |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/716c928db3529b0b9f584a7513345662.png | | | |

| **Field summary for 1900** | | | |
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| **If you have any other comments, suggestions, clarification you would wish to make about this section, please enter them here.** | | | |
|  | **Count** | **Percentage** |  |
| Answer | 8 | 9.30% |  |
| No answer | 78 | 90.70% |  |
| **Responses** Thin WHOIS saves lives No other comments werwerwerwer Just I want to know, why you give for a users a lot of time after a domain drop or if he does not renew to it ? i think 3 months are long time ! if you can please review this topic i appreciate to you. Email: pessword@hotmail.com None none You should submit the invitation to the IETF WEIRDS-WG that is developing restful services for whois Some questions are asking how many domains our company has registered. Is that referring to the number of domains registered by the registrar or how many have been registered for use by our business? No one will say they use whois to get marketing contact information. most respondents to this survey will say they use it for law enforcement or IP protection purposes because those are the people who know this survey exists. just be aware of the problem among Intellectual Property and the names used. Also is necessary to try to verify the true data filled by any user. Not only Registrar, Registry Operator or Regional Internet Registry maintain WHOIS servers, I think. We are a National Internet Registry which only exists in Asia and Latin America. No, i don't whois is easy to access and use. the vulnerability because of the ease should not be the reason to implement privacy norms. Please define if domains registered means domain's registered to our company or domains registered as a registrar. Go for thin WHOIS wherever possible! Starting at whois.iana.org display the contractual details leading to the next whois server. So build a chain of contracts from IANA via the registry to the registrar down the reseller chain up to the end user. This way the DNRD-DS servers contains only information the operator has first hand knowledge of the information provided. OTOH the DNRD-DS servers are run in the same juristicion where the data was collected. This way the legal problems transfering data out of a country disappear. And law enforcement as well as privacy laws can applied locally. There was no option to select "IRC" (#networker @ ircnet) as a source. How did you become aware of the availability for this WHOIS Survey? I choosed Social Media because I got this link via IRC. Not necessary. it is very unclear if the questions in the beginning about how many domains I have registered refers to me having the actual ccTLD registered (ie. being a registry) or having domains under it. please reword.  Cannot understand why WHOIS information is hidden - it leads to complete belief that owner is mis-using the domain addresses and hiding for all the wrong purposes, especially for phishing and pay-per-click sites: How on earth are we, the legitimate business owners, supposed to be able to follow up economically and quickly, to protect oiur own clients? No further comments Actually, a couple of days ago I saw a TV show that mentioned checking WHOIS before believing someone online. Today's the first chance I had to search and see if there really are disadvantages to my using it. | | |  |
| https://limesurvey.icann.org/tmp/2ede08b5f1b77b57735d4b43398dedbc.png | | | |